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## In the news

**Occupy 10 freed**

Ten members of Occupy Philly were acquitted Thursday when a judge ruled there was not enough evidence to prove that they were blocking a highway near police headquarters last October.

Despite ideological arguments on both sides, it boiled down to the fact that no one could identify the 10 individuals as part of the group that blocked North Eighth Street. METRO/AW

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▶ Danza

## Danza pleads for classrooms

**CENTER CITY.** School advocates and Tony Danza, who taught English at Northeast High School for an A&E reality show, met with state Sen. Mike Stack to discuss state budget cuts complicating an existing shortfall in the public school system.

"I'm here to tell the kids we do care and we need to help mitigate the cuts that have been made," said Danza, who recently moved back to Los Angeles and parlayed his one-year city teaching gig into a book deal, according to his website The Daily Danza. METRO/AW

## Ex-cop guilty in slaying

**PHILADELPHIA.** Former Philadelphia cop Frank

Tepper, 45, was convicted of first-degree murder Thursday for shooting an unarmed neighbor and faces life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Tepper was off-duty when a fight broke out outside his daughter's baby shower. The brawl ended with him fatally shooting William Panas Jr., 21. Tepper's defense argued that he shot the man in self defense. Tepper will be sentenced March 29. METRO

## Bar fight leaves man critical

**KENSINGTON.** A man is in critical condition after he was shot inside a bar early this morning.

The victim, 35, was shot multiple times at El Patio Lounge on the 3400 block of H Street shortly after midnight.

A witness said that he was in the bar playing pool with the victim when an unknown man entered wearing a ski mask. METRO/AW

# Violence spews again at South Philly strip joint

- Man shot shortly after 2 a.m. outside Columbus Boulevard club
- Third incident to occur in early morning hours since July 2010

Police issued a warrant late Thursday afternoon for a suspect in an early-morning strip club shooting in South Philadelphia earlier in the day.

Kyle Carter, 25, allegedly shot a 26-year-old patron of Club Onyx on the 2900 block of South Columbus Boulevard in the neck on the establishment's front steps around 2:11 a.m.

The victim was reportedly involved in an argument with a security guard earlier in the evening that resumed as the club was letting out.

As the man continued to argue with the security guard, Carter allegedly arrived and became involved in the dispute.

He was armed with a black handgun, according to investigators.

Police said he pointed the gun at the victim and told him he had five seconds to get off the steps.

After what police described as a "short countdown," Carter allegedly fired one shot, hitting the victim. He then fled southbound on South Columbus Boulevard in a white or silver SUV.

The victim was rushed to the hospital, where he remains in critical condition.

Initial reports indicated that the Carter was a regular patron and that police were interviewing about 20 employees who were inside when the shots rang out.

He is wanted for aggravated assault.

This is not the first time there has been violence at the spot.

In December 2010, two were shot in the club's rear parking lot after they exchanged words with another group of men.

They were both hospitalized in stable condition. In July of the same year, a man was shot in the neck during an attempted robbery outside. He also survived.

Both of those incidents occurred just after 2 a.m.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Four people have been injured in the last two years outside the strip club on South Columbus Boulevard.

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**Shooting incidents tied to Club Onyx since July 2010. Four men have been shot in the separate attacks.**

ALEX WIGGLESWORTH
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**Vandalism.** Hate crime

▶ Rabbi Joseph Domosh, of Bala Cynwyd, spent much of Thursday morning cleaning off the side of the fraternity house on North Broad Street.

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

## Jewish fraternity targeted at Temple

Police are investigating anti-Semitic graffiti scrawled on the wall of Temple University fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi sometime Tuesday night. The organization, located in Philadelphia at Broad and Norris Street, is an international Jewish fraternity. Members awoke around 7:30 a.m. Wednesday to find "F— You Jews," along with an unidentifiable symbol scrawled in blue spray paint on the back of the house. METRO

## Facebook rallies for prom date

Victoria McGuire, a recent Rowan University graduate, wanted to do something for her 18-year-old brother, Kevin, when he was diagnosed with leukemia — for the second time.

So she created a Facebook page petitioning his teen idol, country star Taylor Swift, to accompany him to prom Tuesday night at southern New Jersey's Sterling High School. The page has since grown into a phenomenon, attracting more than 36,000 supporters and creating a trending Twitter hashtag, #TeamKevin.

The June 1 prom happens to fall on McGuire's birthday. METRO/AW

**"Kevin is known through out the community as the High school's 'real life SUPER MAN!'"**

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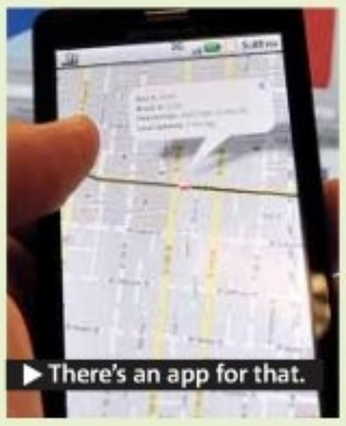
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● ALEXANDRA WIGGLESWORTH

# State saves, students pay in Corbett budget plan

The heads of Pennsylvania's four largest universities pleaded with lawmakers this week to ignore Gov. Tom Corbett's proposal to cut state subsidies on higher education by 30 percent.

Temple University President Ann Weaver Hart calculated a $4,000 jump in tuition and Lincoln University President Robert Jennings said students would have to pay $1,350 more.

Corbett unveiled the cuts in a $27.1 billion budget proposed earlier this month. He also said he wanted to withhold 20 percent of funding from 14 other state-related universities.

University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark Nordenberg said Pennsylvania's colleges and universities are facing a dire situation.

"What we're seeing is the dismantling of a long, long commitment to higher education in Pennsylvania," he said, adding that the trend is pushing Pitt and other public schools to think about turning private. REUTERS

**50%**
**Corbett's proposed cut in funding to state college in his 2011 budget, which was eventually reduced to 19 percent. He did then freeze another 5 percent.**

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Temple students may not be so happy if they are forced to pay another $4,000 in tuition.

### By the numbers

**Pennsylvania has until June 30 to adopt its 2012-13 budget and it is constitutionally prohibited from carrying a deficit.**

- **The $230 million saved from higher education costs** would help plug a projected $719 million deficit, he said. Such a cut would follow a 24 percent decrease in state aid this year.
- **In his first budget after taking office in January 2011,** Corbett proposed cutting state funding to the four colleges by half, but eventually agreed with lawmakers to a 19 percent decrease.
- **An additional 5 percent in aid** was frozen by the governor last December.


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# Obama apologizes for Koran burning, Karzai ramps up the pressure

President Barack Obama apologized on Thursday for the burning of copies of the Koran on a U.S. base in Afghanistan as the White House sought to quell spiraling furor among Afghans while also staving off Republican criticism at home.

Obama apologized in a letter to Afghan President Hamid Karzai for the incident in which Afghan workers found charred copies of the Muslim holy book on a military base near Kabul, White House spokesman Jay Carney told reporters aboard Air Force One.

Carney said the incident, which has sparked angry protests against U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan and underscored the divide between many Afghans and the foreign forces who have been there battling the Taliban for a decade, was not intentional.

While Carney said the apology was "wholly appropriate given the sensitivities" about treatment of the Koran, he said Obama's primary concern was "the safety of American men and women in Afghanistan, of our military and civilian personnel there."

The Koran burnings could make it even more difficult for U.S.-led NATO forces to win the hearts and minds of Afghans and bring the Taliban to the negotiating table ahead of the withdrawal of most foreign combat troops by the end of 2014. **REUTERS**

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▶ Afghan demonstrators shouts anti-US slogans during a protest against Koran desecration in Kabul.

## News in brief

### Seven Marines die in copter collision

**ZUMA, ARIZONA.** Two U.S. military helicopters collided during a training exercise along the Arizona-California border, killing seven Marines.

The aircraft, an AH-1W Cobra and a UH-1Y Huey, were conducting nighttime training operations when the accident occurred about 8 p.m. local time Wednesday.

The Marines said initially the crash occurred over the Yuma Training Range Complex but a Marine Corps spokesman later clarified that it happened just beyond the complex on the California side of the border. **REUTERS**

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### Jobless claims at four-year low

The number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits last week held at the lowest level since the early days of the 2007-2009 recession, signaling that the battered labor market is healing.

Workers filed 351,000 initial claims for state unemployment benefits, the same as in the prior week, the Labor Department said on Thursday.

The data suggests that a long cycle of heavy layoffs has run it course, laying the ground for more hiring. **REUTERS**

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▶ Is he any different than the rest of them?

# Obama's tax cut plan: Cut, simplify, complicate, raise

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Fresh off last week's Protestant Reformation (or Secular Inquisition, depending on your propensity for melodrama), the Obama administration pivoted to jobs and unveiled a new corporate tax plan crafted by treasury secretary and former Gringotts Wizarding Bank branch manager Timothy Geithner.

The new plan proposes lowering corporate tax rates from 35 to 28 percent across the board. This alone doesn't tell us much, however, because the current 35 percent figure is the nominal rate — the number on the books before all the deductions and subsidies are factored in. For instance, after accountants were finished punching the very last equals sign last year, total corporate taxes were only 12 percent of profits — significantly less than the nominal 35 percent rate.

Though the plan argues for lowering the nominal rate, it would also eliminate the multifarious loopholes and subsidies in the existing corporate tax code that are responsible for the massive gap between nominal and effective rates and have led, the administration argues, to economic "distortions that hurt productivity and growth."

Strange, then, that the plan — in its very next paragraph — inexplicably proposes carving out a brand new subsidy/loophole that would create a special effective tax rate for manufacturing sector corporations, dropping the proposed 28 percent nominal rate even further to "no more than 25 percent."

The inconsistency is obvious — "distortions hurt economy, subsidies create distortions; therefore, let's create a new subsidy!" And not just any subsidy, but a subsidy for the manufacturing sector, which Republicans won't hesitate to characterize as a payout to unions. Here, I'll just do it for them to get it over with: "This President says he wants to stop distorting the economy, but he's happy to distort the economy even further — so long as it helps his cronies in the United Auto Workers."

So effective is the plan at exposing its own vulnerabilities that one begins to suspect it may secretly be the first step in a government takeover of criticism.

As a final insult, the plan concludes by promising to simplify tax filing for small businesses "so that they can focus on growing their businesses rather than filling out tax returns." Thank you, Obama administration, for taking all the paperwork out of running a small business. Now I can finally throw away my reading glasses and replace all the sales contracts, invoices, loan documents, commercial leases and regulatory compliance logs with various gentlemen's agreements, firm handshakes and unwavering eye contact.

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WEEKEND

# OSCARS: WHO WILL WIN AND WHO SHOULD WIN

**While the Academy has finished voting and the Oscar winners are all but decided, we gave some experts one last chance to weigh in on the year's best Here's a look at who will most likely win, who should win and who should've been nominated in the first place, according to experts from TheWrap.com, Vulture and our own Hollywood correspondent, Ned Ehrbar**

## Alonso Duralde, TheWrap.com

▶ Silence is golden for "The Artist."

**Best Picture**

**Will win:** "The Artist." It's a feel-good movie that, beyond being silent and black-and-white, plays it pretty safe — and it's got the Weinstein machine behind it.
**Should win:** "The Descendants." When people look back at this period of filmmaking decades from now, the humanity and the wit of Alexander Payne's movies will continue to resonate.
**Should have been nominated:** I know that movies like "Weekend" or "Attack the Block" would never in a million years get the nod from Oscar, so I'll go with "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy."

**Best Director**

"The Descendants"

**Will win:** Michel Hazanavicius ("The Artist"), more as part of the sweep for "The Artist" than out of a collective love of the "OSS 117" series [also directed by Hazanavicius]
**Should win:** Alexander Payne, "The Descendants"
**Should have been nominated:** Bennett Miller, for making "Moneyball" so fascinating to non-sports fans like me

**Best Actor**

Gary Oldman

**Will win:** Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
**Should win:** I'd love to see Gary Oldman get it, both for making such small choices resonate so deeply in "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" and as a tribute to 25 years of unpredictable work.
**Should have been nominated:** Steve Coogan in "The Trip." Playing "yourself" is tricky business, and he makes his obnoxious onscreen alter ego eminently watchable.

**Best Actress**

Viola Davis

**Will win:** Viola Davis ("The Help"), who gives an extraordinary performance in the service of a toxic movie
**Should win:** Davis, if only for having the role that relies the least on prosthetics/makeup/costume
**Should have been nominated:** Vera Farmiga, for her luminous work as a woman who begins to question her commitment to her faith in the wonderful and little-seen "Higher Ground," which she also directed

## Kyle Buchanan, Vulture

**Will win:** "The Artist"
**Should win:** "Moneyball"
**Should have been nominated:** "Drive"

▶ "Moneyball"

**Will win:** Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist"
**Should win:** Either Woody Allen ("Midnight in Paris") or Terrence Malick ("Tree of Life"), simply because they won't show up and the lack of a speech will help bring the show in on time
**Should have been nominated:** Bennett Miller, "Moneyball"

**Will win:** Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
**Should win:** Brad Pitt, "Moneyball"
**Should have been nominated:** Michael Shannon, "Take Shelter"

Meryl Streep

**Will win:** Viola Davis, "The Help"
**Should win:** Viola Davis, "The Help"
**Should have been nominated:** Kristen Wiig, "Bridesmaids"

## Ned Ehrbar, Metro World News

**Will win:** "The Artist," a decent tribute to the history of film, but too light for my taste
**Should win:** "Hugo," a much more inventive tribute to the history of film

**Should have been nominated:** "Shame," by far one the best — and most depressing — films of the year.

Martin Scorsese

**Will win:** Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist"
**Should win:** Martin Scorsese, "Hugo"
**Should have been nominated:** David Fincher, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo"

**Will win:** Jean Dujardin, "The Artist"
**Should win:** Gary Oldman, "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy"
**Should have been nominated:** Michael Fassbender, "Shame"

**Will win:** Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady"
**Should win:** Streep, because really, it's time. And she made Margaret Thatcher human.
**Should have been nominated:** Tilda Swinton, "We Need to Talk About Kevin"

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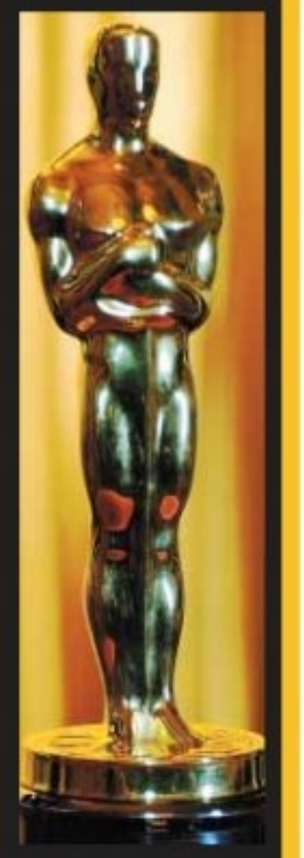

**Follow us on Oscar Night!**

Metro will be reporting directly from the red carpet and press room on Oscar Night. Follow our Hollywood correspondent, Ned Ehrbar, @nedrick on Twitter to get up-to-the-minute photos, quotes and breaking news. The 84th Academy Awards air Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on ABC.

# 5 Things you didn't know about the Oscars

### On-site engraving

Winners used to be given a dummy Oscar and would wait weeks for the real thing to arrive. But starting last year, the Academy set up an engraving station at the Governor's Ball after the ceremony. No word on how much winners would have to bribe the engravers to embellish the accolades, but if there's one that says "Viola 'Suck it, Meryl!' Davis," you'll know it's possible.

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▶ Colin Firth picks up his freshly engraved Oscar statuette at last year's ceremony.

### Seat-fillers are hard at work

One of the cushiest gigs in Hollywood for an extra is that of an Oscars ceremony seat-filler. The well-dressed group waits backstage to sit in for presenters, winners or anyone else who needs to get up without leaving the auditorium looking a little less star-filled. The seat-fillers even get to walk the red carpet before the ceremony.

### There are extended acceptance speeches

While winners tend to be swept off the stage after a minute or less of giddiness, there's a camera setup backstage that streams online where they can add in any friends or family members they didn't get a chance to mention — or completely forgot.

### Tuxedos are everywhere

The Oscars is a black-tie event for everyone, down to the stagehands, caterers and lowly press mulling about backstage. While the more physically demanding jobs — like hauling cameras around the auditorium — get a pass on the bow-tie, the crew members still have to look presentable.

### Attendees are paying for drinks

While the Golden Globes offer an open bar throughout the ceremony, the lobby drink stations at the Kodak Theater still charge during the ceremony. So if you see folks heading up the aisle at commercial breaks, assume they're reaching for their wallets.

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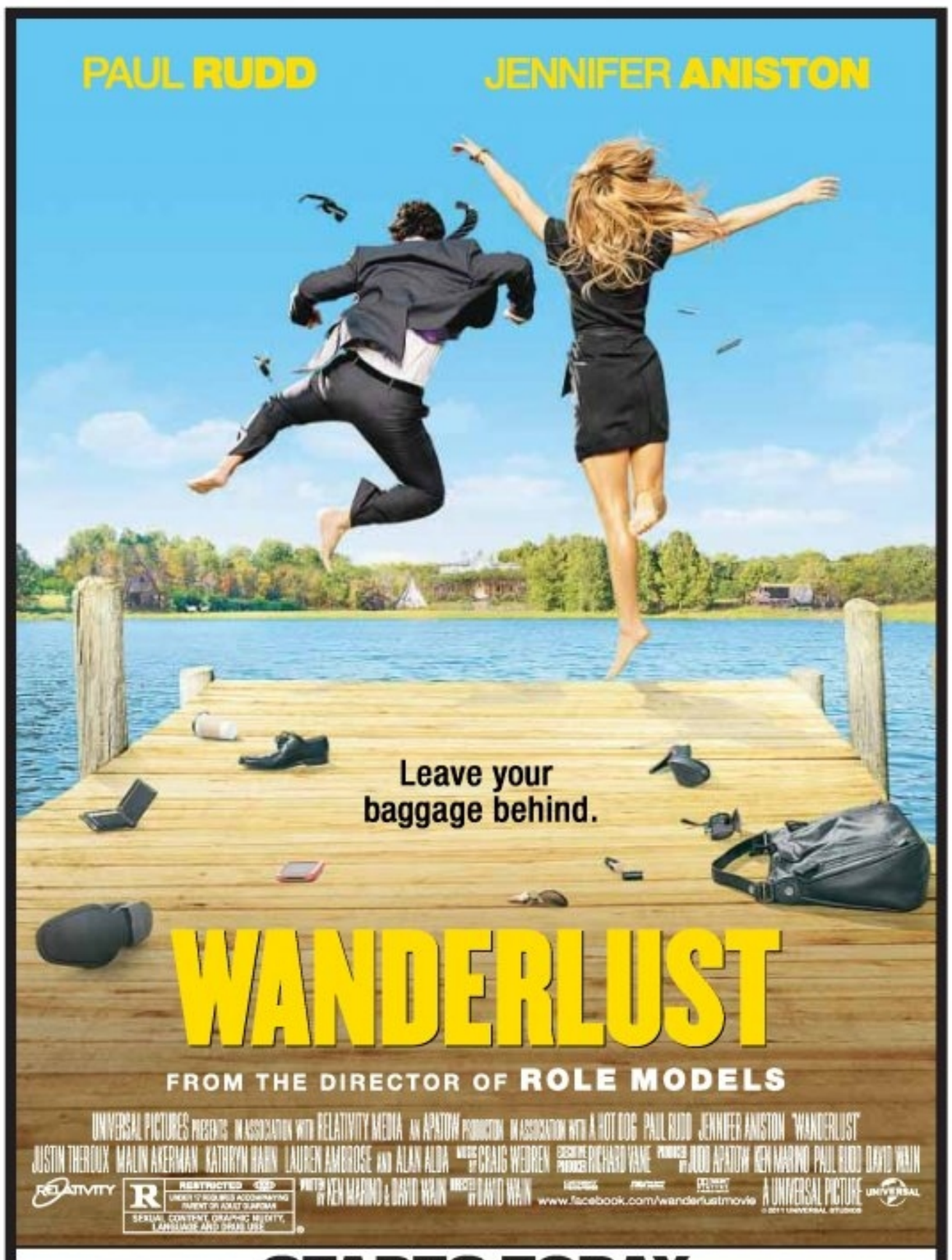


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GHOST RIDER: SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE (PG-13) Fri 2:55, 7:40. Digital Presentation; Sat and Sun 10:20-2:55-7:40. Digital Presentation
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THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (R) 11:55, 3:25
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## The actual Navy SEALs that star in 'Act of Valor' bring a startling reality to a fictional reenactment of war

There's something simultaneously startling and uncomfortable about watching real-life Navy SEALs starring in a fictional action film based on their professional exploits: At times, "Act of Valor" feels like the live-action equivalent of a kid slamming his GI Joes together. The film is relatively well-made around its strange gimmick, and if it's unusually jingoistic by the standards of most post Iraq-war blockbusters, that's the whole idea. Faulting the filmmakers for heroizing their subjects is sort of missing the point.

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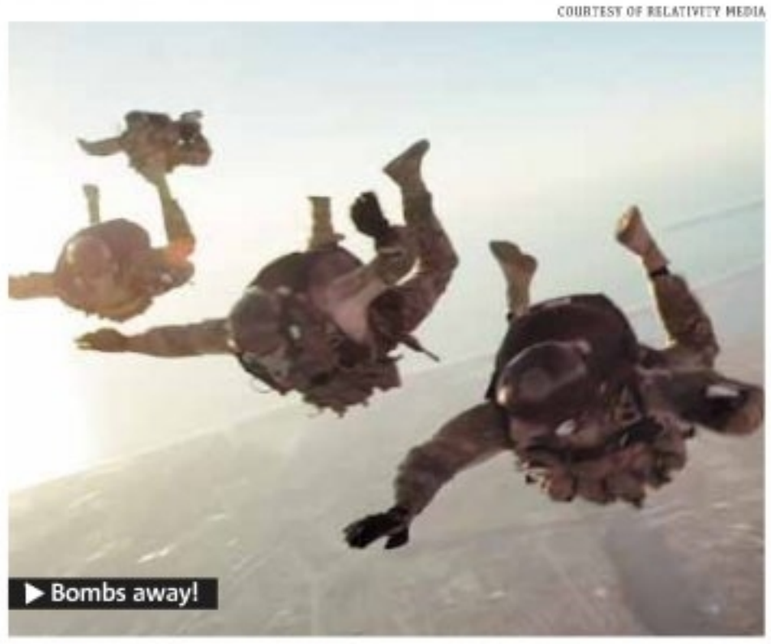

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### If you go

**'Act of Valor'**
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# Tyler Perry conquers the world

**Or at least he soon hopes to The auteur sits down with Metro for an exclusive one-on-one about his global following and what it was like to take on a dramatic role**

Tyler Perry is no stranger to directing himself on-screen, but his latest film, "Good Deeds" marks his first leading role. Perry — who of course wrote, directed and produced the film as well — stars as Wesley Deeds, a wealthy business owner who strays from his straight-and-narrow path to aid a homeless single mother, played by Thandie Newton. "I was just looking at my own life and asked myself, what if I had done what other people wanted me to do?" Perry tells Metro of his inspiration for the story. "Like, my mother wanted me to work at the phone company. What if I had done that instead of following my own dream, my own heart?"

**"Good Deeds" is the first time you've put yourself in the lead of one of your more dramatic films.**

At the beginning of it, it was very scary because I've never felt this exposed before. I usually like to have a costume to hide behind, somewhere to hide. The character I play is so close to me and my life, as far as running my own business and some of the things that he endured, so it was pretty scary. But the first week into it, I was like, "You know what? This is going to be great."

**You also have the film "I, Alex Cross" coming up — a gig where you're only acting and not writing or directing.**

The toughest part of that is that I hate the downtime. The downtime is ridiculous. But I learned very quickly that this is what it is. You sit in the trailer for 12 hours. You're being paid to sit there, so shut your mouth and sit there. Well, for me, I used the time. I wrote three movies while I was on that.

**What do you think about studios still being averse to backing films with predominantly African-American casts?**

I think George Lucas can speak to it better because he clearly got an education in it [while trying to produce "Red Tails"]. It was clearly shocking to him that it was so difficult. I don't think it's about racism as much as it's about money. And a lot of films being made these days are dependent on international money and box offices, and it's been reported — but never proven — that films with all-black stars, besides Will [Smith]

**Quoted**

**"The big issue with that is that nobody's trying to help cultivate an audience."**

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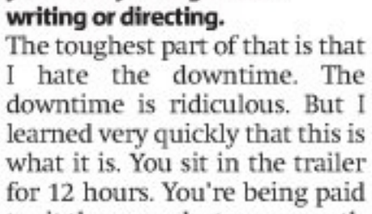
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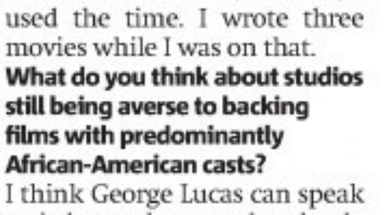
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▶ Tyler Perry, center, is the toast of the party.

and Denzel [Washington], don't do well abroad. The big issue with that is that nobody's trying to help cultivate an audience. I know I have a huge following in Australia and the U.K. and Africa and the Netherlands, but I haven't found the partner to try and help build that audience.

**But that's something you're actively looking to do?**

Absolutely. The stories that I'm telling are relevant to anyone. It would be fantastic for people to start to really understand that we all have stories to tell and we all have stories of interest to anyone around the world.

**At Sundance, Spike Lee complained that studios "know nothing about black people." What do you think about that?**

You know what I've decided to do with Spike Lee? Stay on purpose, and my purpose here is to just completely focus on what I'm doing, how I'm doing it and my audience. I do know that he has had a time in this business because he came along long before me, so I'm sure that he is experiencing a lot of tough times. And he's got war stories and battles, I'm sure. So if that's where he is in life with it, well God bless him.

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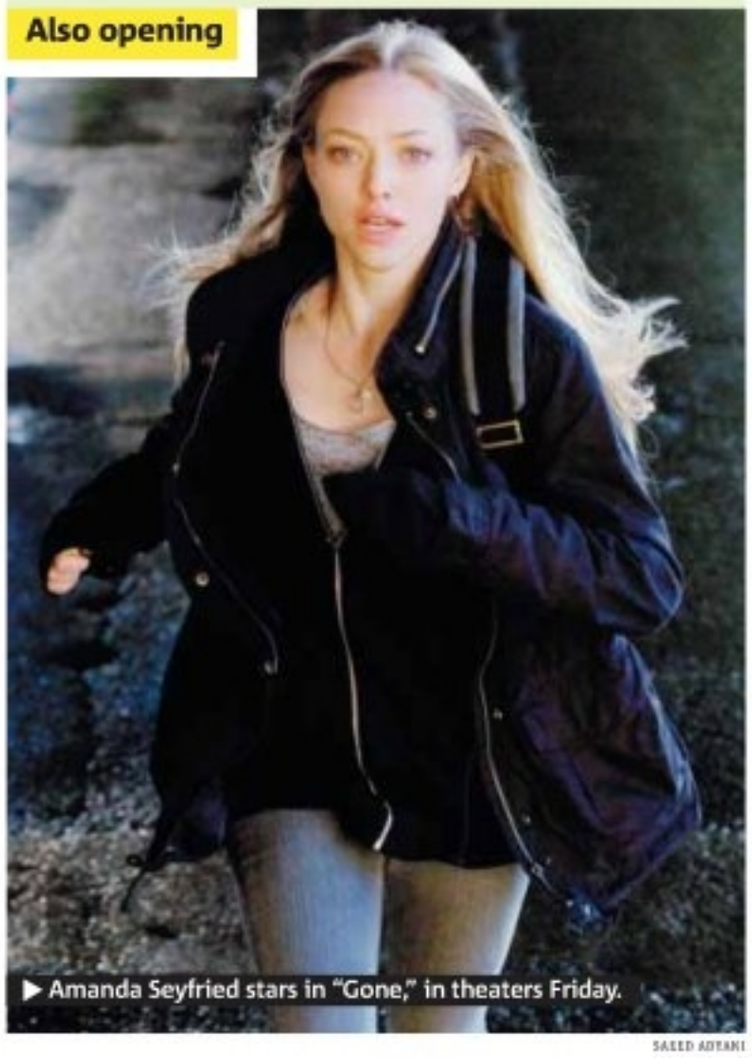

▶ Amanda Seyfried stars in "Gone," in theaters Friday.

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## You can't stop a woman on the run

In "Gone," Amanda Seyfried stars as a woman who believes her sister has been abducted by a serial killer whose terror she once escaped herself. When her story doesn't sync with the evidence, authorities begin to view her as crazy and dangerous, like 2011-era Charlie Sheen. METRO

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# Wain-derlust

## The director of 'Children's Hospital' and 'Role Models' makes a blend of mainstream charm and cult comedy

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Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston explore the hippie lifestyle in "Wanderlust."

"Wanderlust" isn't comedian David Wain unfiltered — after all, he has Jennifer Aniston's salary to pay — but it's great to see the director's wackier side sneak into a film made for the masses. Set largely on a hippie commune filled with burnouts and the blissfully unaware, you might for a second mistake this to be a reprisal of Wain's 2001 cult hit, "Wet Hot American Summer." But those at the center of Wain's circle, like Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter, only get to make brief (albeit hilarious) cameos here.

Instead, the film focuses on Aniston and Paul Rudd as a New York couple forced out of the city after losing their jobs. They head to Atlanta, where alpha a—hole brother (played brilliantly by Wain's co-writer of the script, Ken Marino) offers the dismal prospect of working in the portable toilet trade. The couple stumbles upon a commune, where the group's spiritual leader (Justin Theroux) convinces them to live.

Given the abundance of great non sequiturs, it's obvious that improvisation played a central role in making the film; this keeps it amusingly unpredictable. There are the kind of character arcs you would expect from any self-respecting broad comedy, but that's easy to swallow when so much of the movie is sublimely hilarious.

**If you go**

**'Wanderlust'**
**Director:** David Wain
**Cast:** Jennifer Aniston, Paul Rudd, Justin Theroux
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# His ladder of success

After getting his start at age 11 in "Return of the Jedi" — as mischievous Ewok Wicket — Warwick Davis has become the most famous short actor in film and television, with a résumé that includes "Willow," the "Leprechaun" films and the "Harry Potter" series, in which he's played two different roles. Now Davis, who also runs a talent agency catering to actors under 5 feet tall, lampoons himself with the help of Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant in "Life's Too Short." In the comedy, Davis stars as a fictionalized version of himself alongside Gervais, Merchant and an all-star cast of cameos.

▶ Warwick Davis, center, stars alongside Stephen Merchant, left, and Ricky Gervais in "Life's Too Short," which airs Sundays at 10:30 p.m. on HBO.

**With "Life's Too Short," you get a chance to put your own name and face out there, without so much makeup or prosthetics.**
Oh absolutely, yeah. It's basically me, and I'm performing comedy — which is something I've always longed to do. So yeah, a real great opportunity. And you couldn't get two better comedy director-writer-performers than Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant.

**You have great cameos on the show, including Johnny Depp.**
Yeah, we had a cameo from Johnny, which was ... a unique experience. He had so much time for everybody — so much time for the production, but also for the people who were there who just enjoyed his work. My kids were there that day just to meet Captain Jack, and he gave them some beads from his hair that he wears as Captain Jack.

**Like Depp, you've been in franchise films — like "Star Wars." You were just a kid then.**
I was 11 years old. At that point, I didn't know it was going to become a career. It was just, like, "This is cool. I get to miss school and battle Stormtroopers, throw rocks at them. Hang out with Carrie Fisher."

**Are there any franchises you feel like you missed out on?**
"Lord of the Rings" — I auditioned for it, but then they decided to shrink average-sized actors. John Rhys-Davies played the character I was going to play, and he was worried about being assaulted by little people for stealing the part.

**Q&A**

**When people approach you with projects, are they worried about how offensive something might be?**

I've never been approached with something where I feel, "No way, that would be hugely offensive." With Ricky and Stephen, they always look at subjects that are taboo, but the way they look at them is brilliant. You know, you've got somebody with cerebral palsy in "Extras," but we're not laughing at that character. I felt confident going into "Life's Too Short" that we were going to make people think and maybe shock, but at the same time, certainly, I always knew where the line was.

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# 3 Tips to Oscar party gold

Event specialist Barton G. Weiss (www.bartong.com) tells us how to host a smash-hit Awards night soiree

### Dress the part

The Academy Awards are all about drama and fantasy. Draw inspiration from the amazing costumes of the period films nominated for Best Picture this year. Ask guests to dress as their favorite character from any of the nine nominees — it's Oscar night, so a dress-up party is definitely the way to go.
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### Create a menu a la motion picture

Serve small bites. Create a menu playing on the best pictures themselves (i.e., traditional Southern dishes for "The Help" and French-inspired appetizers for "Midnight in Paris").

### Not your average concession stand

Rather than traditional appetizers, take typical "movie" food up a notch and serve truffled popcorn, mini pigs in blankets and nachos topped with queso fresco and chorizo. And instead of sugary sodas, whip up your own flavors with an at-home soda kit (they cost less than $100).

## Oscar party snacks recipe

### Smoked salmon, creme fraiche, and caviar potato skins

**What to buy:** Look for potatoes in 5-pound bags, as they tend to be smaller in size than loose potatoes. Avoid green-spotted or sprouted potatoes — they contain the bitter toxin solanine.

**Game plan:** Use the leftover scooped potatoes for mashed potato cakes, gnocchi or potato soup.

**Ingredients**

- 8 (3-inch) russet potatoes (about 2 ¼ pounds), scrubbed and thoroughly dried
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter (¼ stick), melted
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 4-6 ounces thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 3 tablespoons creme fraiche or sour cream
- 4 teaspoons caviar

**Directions**

**1.** Heat the oven to 400°F and arrange a rack in the middle.

**2.** Pierce each potato several times with a fork or sharp knife. Place the potatoes directly on the oven rack and bake until the skins are crisp and a knife easily pierces the potatoes, about 50 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack until cool enough to handle, about 10 minutes. Set the oven to the broil setting.

**3.** Slice each potato in half lengthwise. Using a spoon, scoop out the flesh, leaving about ¼ inch intact; reserve the flesh for another use. Brush the insides of the potatoes with the melted butter and season with salt and pepper. Flip the potatoes over, brush the skin sides with butter and season with salt and pepper. Evenly space the potato halves skin side up on a baking sheet and broil until the butter foams and the skins start to crisp, about 2 to 3 minutes (keep a close watch so they don't burn). Flip the potato halves over and broil until the top edges just start to brown, about 2 to 3 minutes more.

**4.** Divide the salmon evenly among the skins and top each with about ½ teaspoon of the creme fraiche and ¼ teaspoon of the caviar. Serve immediately.

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# The new adventures of Pete & Pete

On Friday, the entire cast and crew of the '90s Nickelodeon hit "The Adventures of Pete & Pete" will reunite at New York City's Bowery Ballroom, to the thrill of aging hipsters everywhere. Metro sat down with the show's redheaded stars to find out what they've been up to.

**What's your relationship like with the other Pete?**

**Big Pete (Mike Maronna):** It definitely matured as the show became more involved. People bug out when we walk out on the street together. We can't even drink together in Williamsburg because it's a hipster nuclear bomb.

**Little Pete (Danny Tamberelli):** We're still close. I'm the oldest in my family, and I don't have any brothers, so he's a legitimate surrogate brother to me. And he's always the first one to wish me happy birthday … because he gets the date wrong.

**You got to brush shoulders with a lot of famous folks. Did you realize who they were when you met them?**

**Maronna:** We definitely listened to the B-52s when Kate Pierson

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▶ Pete and Pete, circa 2012: Mike "Big Pete" Maronna, left, is an electrician, and Danny "Little Pete" Tamberelli is in a band.

**"People bug out when we walk out on the street together."**
**MARONNA, ON HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH TAMBERELLI**

was on the summer vacation episode.

**Tamberelli:** The best memory was playing music with Iggy Pop. He taught me how to play "TV Eye" on the guitar during a scene. He blew my amp.

**Do you think now is the right time for the reunion?**

**Maronna:** It's probably just one of those cycles of finding old stuff and making it cool, like fanny packs. I often compare it to fanny packs. Are they already done? Yeah, they're done. Are people still rocking them? I see them sometimes.

**Tamberelli:** Those kids that were watching it are my age and starting families. Maybe they have kids and they're realizing how good the programming was. There's nothing like that on TV now.

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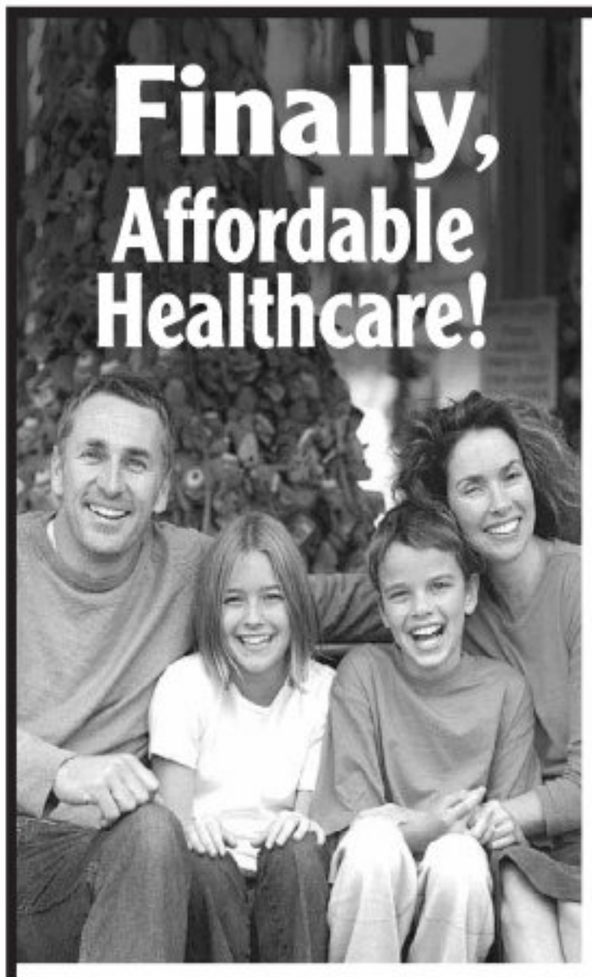

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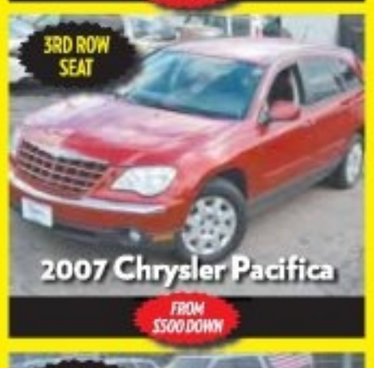

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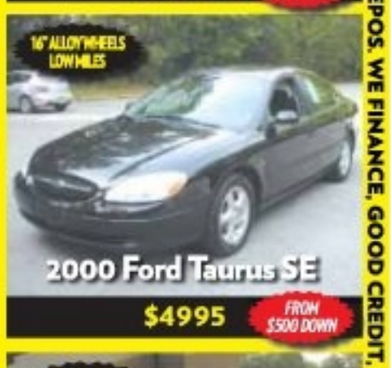

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## The feed ...

▶ On Fridays, Dorothy will post the best tweets she received during the week. You can always let her know what you think — good or bad — at @dorothyatmetro.

In last Friday's Word, I took Chris Brown to task for using the joke, "I promise I won't beat you" as a pickup line. Here are just some of the mentions I received in response. One thought, however: It seems to me a "mistake" is spelling a word wrong, not punching a woman in the face repeatedly and then choking and biting her and then leaving her beaten and bloody on the sidewalk — and then making a joke about it later. But that's just me.

**@DiWanteDiamond**
u need to really shut up already about Chris Brown, he made a mistake and how many mistakes have you ever made in life? #smh

**@ELv8scott**
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# THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

### 'The Voice' is now more popular than 'American Idol'

**Christina Aguilera** is laughing all the way to the bakery.

Despite everyone talking about her weight, it's not keeping the world from tuning in to watch her and her rag-tag team of co-judges **Blake Shelton**, **Adam Levine**, **Cee Lo Green** on "The Voice." So much so, it's overtaking stalwart "American Idol," which only had 15.9 million viewers on Wednesday night, whereas "The Voice" had 16 million people tune in.

"Idol," take note: There is something to be said for being happy and well fed instead of so well manicured.

## Cohen's 'Dictator' oppressed by Academy

Well, the one, lone hope of making Sunday's Academy Awards interesting is dashed: The powers that be are planning to disinvite **Sacha Baron Cohen**, despite the fact he's an Academy member and stars in "Hugo," which is nominated for 11 awards, including Best Picture.

The reasoning? According to the Hollywood Reporter, they're worried he'll come dressed up in full costume as his title character in his new film, "The Dictator." The Academy is trying to smooth things over, saying they aren't banning him, per se; rather, they just want him to come as Sacha, not as his character, General Aladeen, and cause shenanigans.

"We would love to have Sacha Baron Cohen at the Oscars show," a rep for the awards show told CNN. "We have expressed [to Baron Cohen] that we don't like our red carpet to be used as a promotional stunt. We're waiting to hear from him. We've put the ball in his court."

Ha. Don't use the red carpet as a promotional stunt? That's all the red carpet is! From "My gown is by blah blah blah" to "My next film is" to "It's an honor just to be nominated." Come on, Academy. You're letting **Billy Crystal** pretend he's a host for Sunday's telecast; why not let Baron Cohen pretend he's a dictator?

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▶ Well, one thing is for sure: He'll be better dressed than Helena Bonham Carter.

**"We have expressed [to Baron Cohen] that we don't like our red carpet to be used as a promotional stunt."**
SPOKESMAN FOR THE OSCARS

## Talking points

### Rumor has it: Simpson to have girl

**Jessica Simpson** is having a baby girl, sources speculate — and her recent shopping trip to L.A.'s Bel Bambini boutique suggests they're right. "Jessica and her mom [Tina Simpson] spent over an hour at the store," an observer tells People magazine. "She took her time picking out the perfect baby items." And those items all happened to be of the pink variety, the source adds.

### Moore to stay in rehab

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▶ Brown is looking for a paycheck "this big."

It doesn't look like **Demi Moore**'s stay at a Utah treatment facility will come to an end anytime soon. "Demi is really doing well in rehab. She was about to hit rock bottom, but now things are looking up for her," a source tells Radar Online. "Demi has been doing so well in treatment, but the people around her aren't expecting she'll get out yet — she has a lot of work to do still to be and stay healthy."

### Brown to write a tell-all?

**Bobby Brown** is reportedly looking to write a tell-all memoir about his time with **Whitney Houston** — but it's not the first time he's had the idea, according to the Huffington Post. "Back in 2008, the interest in a book on Whitney Houston wasn't that great. Whitney had fallen off the radar back then," a source says. "But following her tragic death, the market has changed." Friends aren't surprised by Brown's interest: "This is a man who left his ex-wife's funeral because he didn't like his seats and went to a paying gig that night," one pal says.

### More kids for Witherspoon

**Reese Witherspoon** is up for the idea of having a baby with new husband **Jim Toth**, according to Hollyscoop. "I'd love that," the Oscar-winner says. "I feel really good, and I'm at a really good place in my life." Witherspoon already has two children — 12-year-old Ava and 8-year-old Deacon — with ex-husband **Ryan Phillippe**, and she admits another kid would mean more people to embarrass around the house. "The other day I was dancing around the house when they came in and literally stared at me like, 'Oh my God, that's so embarrassing,'" she says of her children. "But I didn't stop. You can't stop dancing."

# The forgotten Oscar winners

It's hard to believe now, but these actors and actresses once took home Academy Awards.

**1. Nicolas Cage** won the Best Actor award for "Leaving Las Vegas" in 1995. Now, he's starring in such classics as "Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance."

**2. Jennifer Connelly** accepted her Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for "A Beautiful Mind" in 2001. We miss those eyebrows.

**3. Cuba Gooding Jr.** was named Best Supporting Actor for "Jerry Maguire" in 1996. We remember his name, but do we remember any of his roles since then?

**4. Jim Broadbent** with his Best Supporting Actor statue for "Iris" in 2002. Yeah, we don't recall that win either.

**5.** Here's two-time Best Actress winner **Hilary Swank** accepting her award in 1999 for "Boys Don't Cry." Great actress, great at winning — but where is she now?

**6. Kim Basinger** won for Best Supporting Actress in "L.A. Confidential" in 1997. There was "8 Mile," but after that: silence.

**7. Adrien Brody** won the Best Actor award for "The Pianist" in 2003. Poor Adrien Brody.

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### No, seriously, no need for comics

I used to wonder why the Metro did not have a comics section. After reading the editorials lately, I no longer wonder about it.

DON CANCELMO, VIA E-MAIL

### Re: 'When a penny saved is ... wasted'

Mr. Frosch's economics are naive. The depression of 1920 was cut short due, in part, to President Harding cutting the budget nearly in half, slashing tax rates across the board and reducing the national debt by one-third. The Fed did not move to use its powers of interest rate manipulation either. We came out of the depression by the summer of 1921. The same follows for the Great Depression. Enormous amounts of government spending failed. It was only until after WWII that the federal government slashed spending again and private investment nearly doubled — the first real sign of growth in the economy in more than a decade.

KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL

### "Clealy I spoke too soon in my praise of Michael J. Frosch's fresh perspective."

If he's just going to rehash the fallacies of Paul Krugman, the puppet, then he's clearly just as stale as the rest. Next he'll be giving us a history less via Bernanke. It's not hard to understand that excessive government spending and money printing impose an inflation tax that hurts the lower classes the hardest. For the last time people: You can not spend your way out of recession, and you can not borrow your way out of debt.

HANS HAUGEN, VIA E-MAIL

### Re: 'Read a book — no, another book'

The Metropolitik column on Feb. 22 presented a good summary of the scientific method regarding Santorum's comments about the "false theology" of environmentalism. On the opposite page, Metro presented an item proposing dolphin rights. The New York Times on Feb. 21 reported fruit flies self-medicate when attacked by a parasite. Is the fruit fly self-aware, like the dolphin? Kurzweil predicts computers will be self-aware within a generation. As more species and mechanisms petition for recognition as "nonhuman persons," the scientific community never had greater challenges. Frosch is worried that Santorum has a biblical-based perspective on bioethical issues. The scientific method does not deal with the philosophical implications of findings. It also doesn't respond to challenges with ad hominem attacks. Poor form, Mr. Frosch.

JAMES FURMATO, VIA E-MAIL

### Re: 'The purest nonsense' in letters

In my humble opinion, "follow the money" — about war and the threat of war — is definitely not pure nonsense. Wars are and always have been the biggest economic stabilizer of modern times. At this time there is no combination for increasing employment either by production or consumption that can compare to the effectiveness of destruction by wars!

DAVID SNIECKUS, VIA E-MAIL

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## Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Because you're feeling a little claustrophobic, you're likely to need more elbow-room than usual in order to function effectively. Try to act independently without smacking anyone in the jaw.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You should stop and take some time to straighten out an old matter that's never been handled properly. Even if it doesn't bother others, only you, it's worth doing things right.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Although you might not seek or want it, you are destined to play a key role in a group endeavor. Because some members aren't aware of what's going on, they'll welcome input.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Don't be surprised if you find yourself to be far more ambitious than usual. You might have to contend with some challenges, but you'll win out if you use the big guns.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you are required to make a critical decision, trade on past experiences for a plan. By using the same techniques that were successful before, you'll make the right choice.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Another avenue for material gains could come about through one of your newer relationships. The person in question likes what she or he sees in you, and wants to include you in something worth checking out.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Chances are you'll automatically get involved in a partnership arrangement involving something that happens to be your strong suit. With your input, the results will turn out to be good.

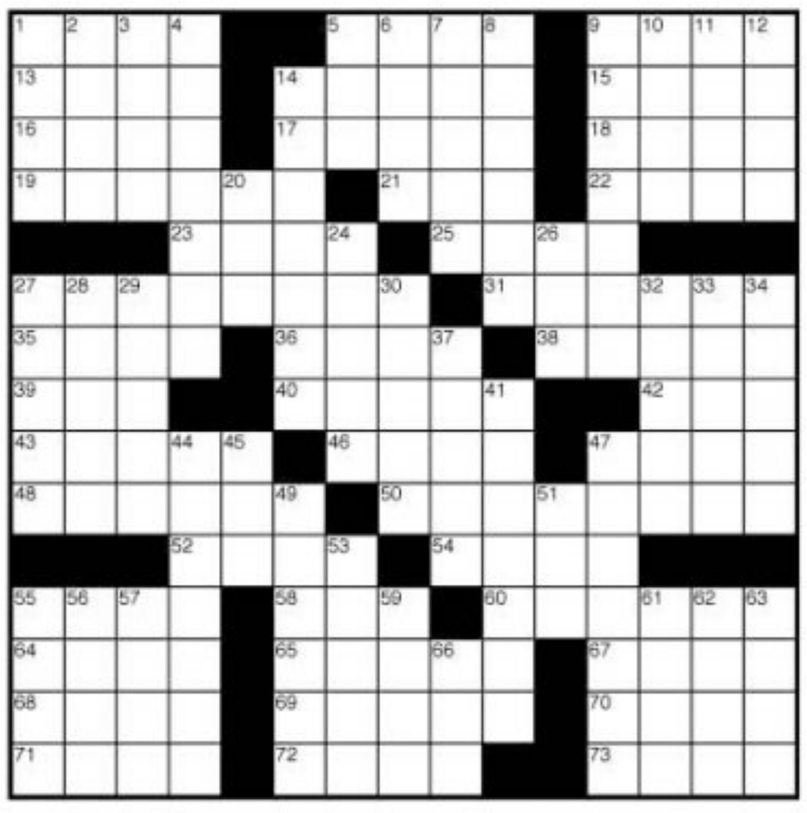
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** No grass is going to grow under your feet. Because you'll see what has to be done and know how to do it, you won't hesitate to get crackin'.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** With your popularity at a high point, it goes without saying that you'll be well received wherever you go. Your presence will automatically brighten up any corner you walk into.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Take any opportunity you get to finalize an important development. Don't leave anything up to chance or any loose threads hanging. You may not get another crack at it.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Rely on your splendid mental attributes and your innate logic, but don't totally discount your intuitive perceptions. Each facet has a place in your reasoning, so use your gifts accordingly.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** There's an excellent chance that certain business matters will be less complicated now than they will be tomorrow. Don't put off handling anything important. BERNICE BEDE OSOL



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**On the menu**

The menu boasts 12 pizzas based on classic Italian recipes, some topped with shiitake mushrooms, truffle oil and runny eggs and some as simple as the classic Margherita pie. Mirroring the pizza options are 12 draft beers — including the always-reliable Stone IPA and several Pennsylvania options. "Everyone likes drinking good beer with their pizza," Bedon says.

After arming the 1949 REO Speed Wagon they won on eBay with a wood-fired brick oven, Stalin Bedon and Tom Grim (founder of Princeton, N.J.'s Thomas Sweet Ice Cream) started the Nomad Pizza Truck in 2006. "We wandered from place to place, and didn't have anywhere to call home," says Bedon. They catered only private events, mostly in New Jersey, but people loved the pie so much the two opened a brick-and-mortar spot three years later in Hopewell, N.J. Two weeks ago, Nomad Pizza landed in Philadelphia with the opening of its new location in the Bella Vista building that was formerly Horizons.

"We fell in love with the space right away — it has such a wonderful, warm feeling," says Bedon. With minimal decor — "very simple, like the pizzas," he says — a medium-sized communal table sits on the first floor, and several two- and four-tops surround a massive, 90-foot communal table upstairs. "The tables in Italy are communal," says Bedon. "We want to create a community; people should get to know their neighbors."

Bedon's trips to Italy also inspired Nomad's menu and ingredients. "In Italy there was a produce truck that came down from the hills everyday to sell produce to the pizzerias," he recalls. "That's why the pizza's so good. We also use all local organic ingredients, delivered every morning fresh from the farmer."

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## Dinner and a movie

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# A change of Heartless

NATHAN PRESLEY

▶ Check out these Heartless Bastards, from left: Jesse Ebagh, Dave Colvin, Erika Wennerstrom and Mark Nathan.

There's only one course of action when you're a band called Heartless Bastards and your album is ready for release in mid-winter. Release it on Valentine's Day. Especially if it's titled "Arrow" — as in the sharp thing that is Cupid's trademark.

"The title is pure coincidence," insists front gal Erika Wennerstrom. "Our label thought it would be funny to release a Heartless Bastards record on Valentine's Day."

Wennerstrom, however, feared it might look like a calculated marketing plan. Still, her label insisted people don't remember release dates anyway, and she agreed.

"I couldn't remember the release date of any album I've ever bought," she says. "I thought, 'It's funny, let's go with it.'"

On a personal and personnel level, "Arrow" is the calm after a considerable storm. Wennerstrom's breakup with her bassist/boyfriend was well documented on their third album, "The Mountain," but the "Mountain" touring lineup of drummer Dave Colvin, bassist Jesse Ebagh and guitarist Mark Nathan coalesced while making "Arrow."

"As people, we're a team," says Wennerstrom. "I feel I'm in a good place in my life and have gotten back to who I am. Where the band is at right now is where I've always wanted to be, musically. It took me a while to get there."

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## Pointed 'Arrow'

"Arrow" was the first album Wennerstrom had written for the band as a quartet. In many ways, she says it resulted in less pressure: "The songs always had that space, and I attempted to add those additional parts myself. This is the first time we have been able to make use of that space in a cohesive way. On 'The Mountain,' it was studio musicians filling the spaces. I feel like my guitar playing is a bit limited," she adds humbly. "I hear a sound that I'm not always capable of playing, and Mark's able to add to the songs what I don't feel capable of."

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www.utphilly.com

**The Pink Floyd Experience**
**Saturday, 8:30 p.m.**
**$26, The Electric Factory**
www.ticketmaster.com

**Buried Beds**
**with The Spinto Band**
**Saturday, 9:15 p.m.**
**$10, Johnny Brenda's**
www.johnnybrendas.com

**Beyond the Lies**
**Sunday, 9 p.m.**
**$10, The Trocadero**
www.thetroc.com

**Guns N' Roses**
**Monday, 10 p.m.**
**$80, The Electric Factory**
www.ticketmaster.com

**Tyga**
**Tuesday, 7 p.m.**
**$35-$53, The TLA**
www.livenation.com

**Chiddy Bang**
**Wednesday, 7 p.m.**
**$15-$17, North Star Bar**
www.northstarbar.com

**Company of Thieves**
**Wednesday, 7 p.m.**
**$29, The TLA**
www.livenation.com

**Gemini**
**with Koan Sound**
**Thursday, 8:30 p.m.**
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## FOOD & DRINK

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▶ Seeing Guns N' Roses at the Electric Factory will set you back $80. Worth it to wear stonewashed jeans?

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**Lauryn Hill**
**Saturday, 9 p.m.**
**Caesars Atlantic City**
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**War & Edgar Winter**
**Saturday, 9 p.m.**
**House of Blues in Showboat**
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**Le Voci Del Futuro**
**Sunday, 6 p.m.**
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▶ Lauryn Hill

## FAMILY

**2012 Atlantic City Classic Car Show**
**Friday through Sunday**
**Atlantic City Convention Center**
**$20, 609-449-2000**
www.accenter.com

**The Philadelphia Mummers' String Band Show of Shows**
**Saturday, 2 p.m.**
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**Sunday through Thursday nights**
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www.positanocoast.net
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## Live this weekend

### Tri State Indie Music Awards

**Sunday, 5 p.m.,**
**$15, World Cafe Live**
**www.worldcafelive.com**
The Oscars aren't the only awards going out this weekend. This first annual celebration of local music includes a red carpet and performances by artists including Kuf Knotz, Kalob Griffin Band and Darry Miller & The Veil.

**Rum Bar Anniversary**
**Saturday, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.**
**2005 Walnut St.**
www.rum-bar.com
Help the bar celebrate five boozy years with $5 mojitos, passion daiquiris, "painkillas" and rum runners.

**Countdown to St. Patrick's Day**
**Friday and Saturday**
**McGillin's Olde Ale House, 1310 Drury St.**
www.mcgillins.com
Just as your Mardi Gras hangover is wearing off, the St. Patty's party is getting started at McGillin's. Live Irish music kicks things off this weekend, along with festive cocktails and food specials.

## FILMS

**Israeli Film Festival**
**Saturday through April 1**
www.iffphila.com
The annual showcase of dramas, comedies and documentaries kicks off this weekend with a screening of "Intimate Grammar" (8 p.m., International House).

## Cocktail of the week

### The American Girl

**Opening this weekend in the former Corn Exchange Bank Building in Old City, Reserve is going big with a raw bar, a menu full of steaks and a bourbon and cigar room. If you can't stop by the grand opening on Saturday, shake up one of the bar's "American Girl" cocktails at home. What's in it:**

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▶ It's a love-hate relationship between fans and Andre Iguodala. Either way, he makes his first All-Star appearance this weekend.

# Like it or not, Iguodala is finally All-Star

**Swingman lone Sixers representative in Sunday's game Team enters break on five-game losing streak**

When Andre Iguodala was named to his first career All-Star game, the Sixers were 18-8. Since then, they've dropped six of eight and are riding a five-game losing streak.

It's almost ironic the Sixers are stumbling so badly into the All-Star break. After all, the team's early success is the major reason why Iguodala was honored as an All-Star reserve — and he knows it.

"I think winning is the most important thing," Iguodala said earlier this month. "As long as we continue to win, I am happy. I think Detroit, the year they went to the Finals the first time, they had no All-Stars."

Iguodala's wayward jumper, miserable free-throw shooting and $80 million contract means he's often still a whipping boy for the city's fans. The eighth-year Sixer has the lowest scoring average (12.4 points per game) among the 24 All-Stars.

## Is Turner regressing?

Evan Turner was selected by the NBA's assistant coaches to participate in Friday night's Rising Stars Challenge. The problem for the Sixers is that Turner has been declining rather than rising of late.

That supposedly revamped jumper has been off, as last year's No. 2 overall pick is shooting just 35.3 percent over his last 13 games. That's led to a meager 20.5 minutes per game in February. Turner has the look of a long-term bench player.

**39.3**

**Iguodala's field goal percentage during the Sixers' five-game losing streak. He's at 43.3 percent for the season.**

*ON TV SUNDAY*

**NBA All-Star Game, West vs. East, 7 p.m. (TNT)**

"I hope at some point in time our fans will really embrace 'Dre," coach Doug Collins said. "That would be the greatest gift they could give me, is to embrace him."

Sixers fans may never be on board with Iguodala, but after this weekend the likely Olympian will add another line to his growing résumé: NBA All-Star.

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# Sixers at All-Star break

**City's hoops team has legit concerns at midway point ◗ Will they get Hawes back? ◗ Can they hold off Knicks? ◗ And where's the offense?**

**1 The man in the middle.** The Sixers hold a 12-2 record in games Spencer Hawes has been active for this season. They are 8-12 in all others. In other words, the big man is vital to a lengthy playoff run. Hawes has to get his Achilles and back woes under control.

▶ Hawes

▶ Lin

**2 Don't look now.** Advancing to the second round of the tournament was the Sixers' primary goal before the season began. A big key to achieving that will be winning the Atlantic Division, thus holding off Jeremy Lin and the hard-charging Knicks. The Sixers entered Thursday night with a three-game lead.

**3 Find the bucket.** During the recent, five-game losing skid, defense hasn't been the issue. The offense has managed just 87.5 points over the last 10 games as fears about the lack of a go-to guy late in games gain momentum.

▶ Lou Williams

**4 Hard on Holiday.** Coach Doug Collins has been pushing starting point guard Jrue Holiday to be more aggressive offensively. Other than Lou Williams, Holiday is the only difference-maker in terms of penetration and playmaking. There's a ton resting on the 21-year-old kid's shoulders.

**5 Let's make a deal.** There will be plenty of rumors as the NBA's March 15 trading deadline approaches (hey, Monta Ellis is in town March 2). But don't expect team president Rod Thorn to dump his young nucleus to simply acquire a quick fix.

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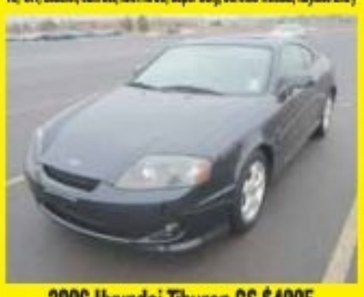

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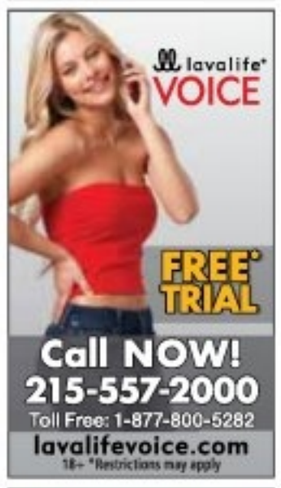

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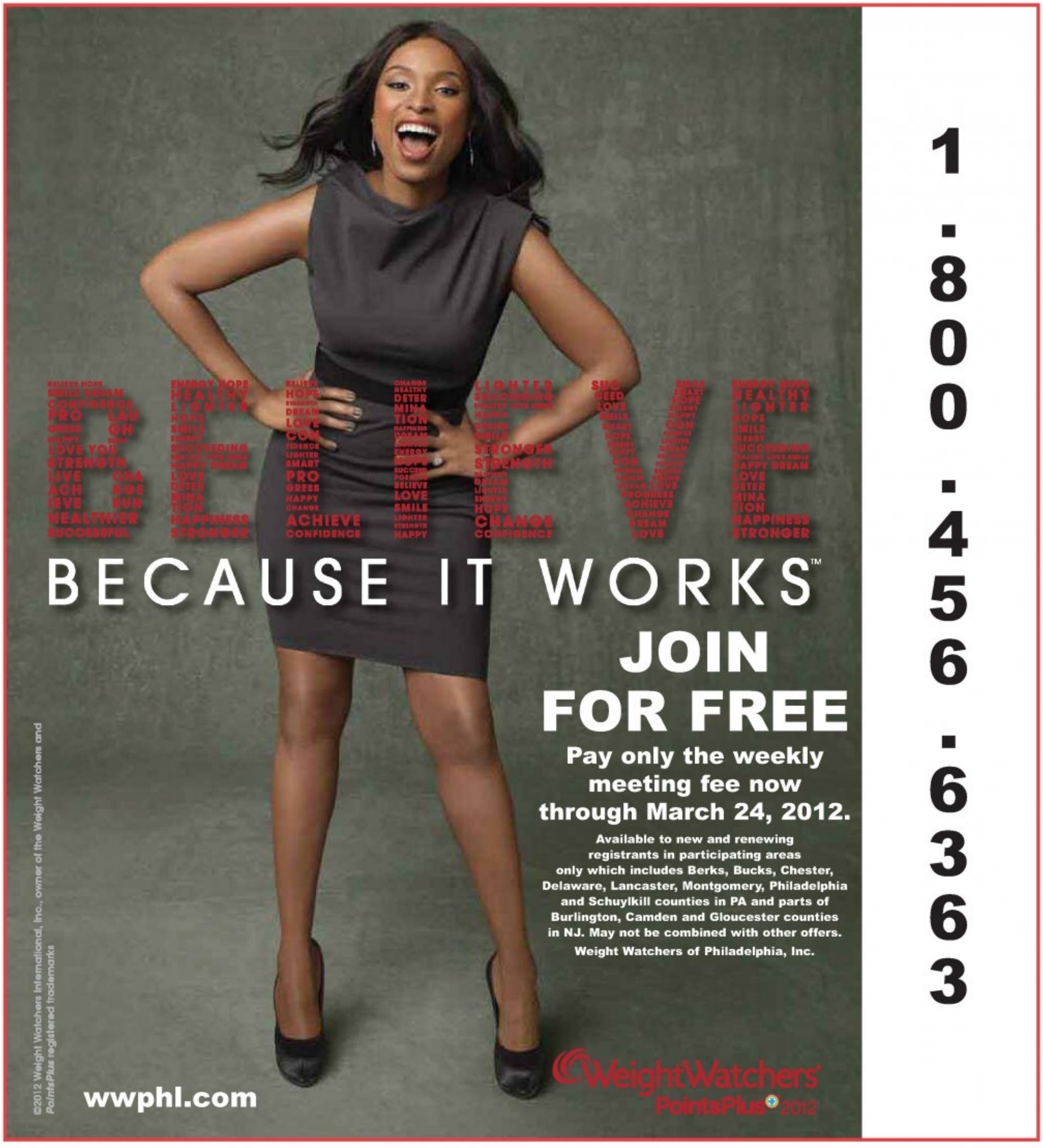
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